

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A suede-like sheet ~~which is characterized in that, in a suede-like sheet~~ comprising primarily ultrafine fibre of no more than 0.3 dtex and 20 wt% to 60 wt% polyurethane, wherein said polyurethane ~~employs~~ comprises polymer diol which contains from ~~30~~ 50 wt% to 90 wt% polycarbonate diol, ~~said sheet contains from 20 wt% to 60 wt% of said polyurethane,~~ the average nap length is 300 µm to 2000 µm, and the percentage retention of local ~~fatigue~~ failure resistance before and after an accelerated aging treatment is at least 50%.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The suede-like sheet according to Claim 1, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the local ~~fatigue~~ failure resistance following the accelerated aging treatment is at least 70 times.

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The suede-like sheet according to Claim 1, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the polycarbonate diol is poly(1,6-hexamethylene carbonate) diol.

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The suede-like sheet according to Claim 1, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the polymer diol contains 5 wt% to 70 wt% of at least one type of polymer diol selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of polytetramethylene glycol, poly(neopentylene adipate) diol, polycaprolactone diol and poly(2,5-diethylpentamethylene adipate) diol.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The suede-like sheet according to Claim 1, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the polyurethane is a polyurethane ~~employing~~ comprising polymer diol containing from ~~40~~ 50 wt% to 85 wt% polycarbonate diol.

7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The suede-like sheet according to Claim 1, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the ultrafine fibre comprises polyester, and there is used

polyurethane such that, when the amount of dyestuff contained in the polyurethane following dyeing of the suede-like sheet with a disperse dyestuff is taken as A and the amount of dyestuff contained in the polyurethane following subsequent reduction washing is taken as B, the dyeability index B/A is at least 0.3 and, ~~furthermore~~, the wet rubbing fastness as measured in accordance with JIS L0849 is at least grade 3.

8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The suede-like sheet according to Claim 1, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the average nap is from 500 μm to 1500 μm .

9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The suede-like sheet according to Claim 1, ~~which is characterized in that the~~ wherein rubbing weight loss based on ~~the~~ a brush rubbing test of the suede-like sheet is no more than 25 mg.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for the production of a suede-like sheet ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein, in the preparation of a suede-like sheet comprising a nonwoven fabric of ultrafine fibre of no more than 0.3 dtex and a polyurethane which employs polymer diol containing ~~30~~50 wt% to 90 wt% of polycarbonate diol, a buffing treatment is carried out after applying an antistatic agent to the sheet.

11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method for the production of a suede-like sheet according to Claim 10 ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the buffing treatment is carried out after applying an antistatic agent and a silicone lubricant to the sheet.

12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method for the production of a suede-like sheet according to Claim 10 ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the buffing treatment is carried out after applying antistatic agent to the sheet such that the frictional electricity measured by the method described in JIS L1094 B is from -500 to +5000 V.

13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method for the production of a suede-like sheet according to Claim 10 ~~which is characterized in that it contains a stage in which~~ wherein bonding is carried out in a state with two layers of ultrafine fibre nonwoven material or ultrafine fibre-generating fibre nonwoven material superimposed, and ~~a stage in which this~~ the nonwoven material is subsequently sliced into two in the thickness direction.